

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN  
POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0036447-07-0

Permittee: VILLAGE OF LIME RIDGE, P O Box 113, Lime Ridge, WI, 53942

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Lime Ridge Wastewater Treatment Facility, EAST MAPLE AVENUE, LIME RIDGE, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Narrows Creek (Narrows Creek/Baraboo River Watershed, LW22-Lower Wisconsin River Basin) in Sauk County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Lime Ridge operates a recirculating sand filter wastewater treatment plant providing treatment to a combination of domestic and some commercial wastewater. Each residence or business has a septic tank that discharges wastewater to the sanitary sewer system leading to the wastewater treatment facility. The facility includes a settling tank with wastewater pumped to a three-cell recirculating sand filter. Underdrains collect treated effluent, which may be pumped back up to the sand filter and mixed with influent wastewater or discharged as treated effluent to Narrows Creek. During summer the effluent is disinfected with chlorine and then dechlorinated before being discharged to the stream down a cascade step aerator. Currently, no treatment for phosphorus is occurring. The facility is designed to treat an average daily flow of 0.0154 MGD and presently receives an average of 0.0108 MGD for treatment. Discharge occurs on a daily basis, year-round. Solids in the sand filter's settling tank are hauled to another treatment facility for further treatment. Solids from the community septic tanks are pumped and hauled by a licensed contract hauler. The permittee has been found to be in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of its current permit.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jennifer Jerich, DNR, N7725 Hwy 28, Horicon, WI, 53032, (920) 450-4078, Jennifer.Jerich@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Tanner Connors, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 575-6891, Tanner.Connors@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above named basin engineer.

Proposed Phosphorus Variance: The Department has determined that a water quality-based effluent limitation (WQBEL) for phosphorus is needed in this permit to protect water quality. As allowed under s. 283.15, Wis. Stats., Variance to Water Quality Standard the permittee has requested a variance to the phosphorus WQBEL and EPA approved Wisconsin River TMDL. In support of this request, the permittee has submitted documentation intended to demonstrate eligibility for the variance based on applicable factors. The Department concurs with the demonstration, however this concurrence is subject to US EPA approval before the variance limit may be included in the final reissued permit. In an effort to achieve phosphorus effluent reductions that are practically and economically achievable within the term of the proposed permit, the Department and permittee have mutually agreed upon specific permit conditions that include a variance limitation, monitoring of phosphorus at the frequency described in the permit and submittal of reports on source reduction measures oriented toward attainment of the phosphorus water quality standard. The designated use of the receiving water will not change as a result of the variance.

Virtual Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:00 AM

Hearing Location (Virtual): In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Department of Natural Resources will be hosting public hearings via a remote, virtual connection made available to the public via the options below. Virtual hearings will be recorded.

Remote Connection for public participation:

Zoom Virtual Participation: <https://zoom.us/j/99637273140>

Meeting ID: 996 3727 3140

Zoom Conference Call Line: +1 312 626 6799: If participating via conference call, participants will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID: 996 3727 3140

For questions on how to connect remotely please contact: Stephen Nehring, DNR, 101 S. Webster St. PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707-7921, (608) 261-6406, Stephen.Nehring@wisconsin.gov

Hearing Officer, Name, Address, City/State/Zip, and Phone: Jennifer Jerich, N7725 Highway 28 Horicon, WI 53032-9782, (920) 387-7886

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, has scheduled for the time and place listed above, a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the above announced permit action for this existing discharge.

A hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly and speedy way and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to ensure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may put limits on individual oral statements to ensure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer.

Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above named permit drafter's address. Currently, DNR staff are working remotely and have very limited access to US mail. To ensure comments are received, the Department recommends that all comments be sent via email to the permit drafter listed in this notice. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, is accessible via e-mail by contacting the above named permit drafter's e-mail address or the above named basin engineer's e-mail during normal business hours Monday through Friday (except holidays). Note that DNR staff have limited access to permit hard copy files during this time as they are working from home, but much of the permit file is available electronically by e-mail request. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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